

Morrison Paper Company
(Stein's Dry Cleaning & Shoe Repair)
1009 D St.
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-491

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STATE District of Columbia	CDUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Morrison Paper Company		HABS NO. DC-491
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Stein's Dry Cleaning and Shoe Repair		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1009 D Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Square 348, Lot 802		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1860 (see attached)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This building has a rusticated ashlar appearance and is capped by a restrained classical balustrade. The building's size and scale are harmonious with the predominant character of the streetscape. The building is located in the Pennsylvania Avenue Historic District. As originally built, 1007-1009 D Street was the largest building (see attached)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Second Renaissance Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Some steel "I" beams have been added to the original bearing wall structure. Facing material is limestone.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in shape, the building measures 29' x 100'. It is four stories tall and three bays wide. (see also interior features)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 1009 D Street is a four story, three-bay wide limestone-faced building. The first floor storefront is divided equally by four pilasters, each having longitudinal metal and glass lights. The centered entrance door is flanked by sidelights, five panes in each. In the top of the two steel and glass show windows and the doorway are signs (see attached)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The basement is open area with structural piers. The floor is a combination of brick and cast concrete. The elevator shaft at the southeast corner of the building retains original hardware of the hand operated elevator. At the southwest corner of the basement is a row of glass blocks raised to sidewalk level. A staircase at the northwest (see attached)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Building Permits cited are as follows: (see attached)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building is currently used for a shoe repair and dry cleaning operation. The basement and upper floors are vacant, but retain the original furnishings of the Morrison Paper Co.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The elevator is a manually run rope system. Mechanical systems are extant on the fourth and basement levels. Shelving on all floors is original. See also DC-493 (SQUARE 348) for additional information.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds; District of Columbia Building Permits, General Assessment Records and Tax Records, National Archives; Baist's Atlas of Washington, Martin Luther King Library, Washingtoniana Room, Washington.		
CDMPILER, AFFILIATION W.F. Hunter, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation		DATE February 1981

Date of Construction (cont'd)

Construction of the building (1007-1009 D Street) prior to 1870 eliminates the possibility of confirming construction dates with original permits. Examination of the Tax Records for this lot, simultaneously with those for 1007 D Street, show evidence of construction in 1860. Assessment of improvements increases between 1854 and 1860 on both lots, with improvements for 1007 in 1860 entered in red, indicating construction. The assessment records read as follows:

	1854		1860	
Lot 3(802) 1009 D St.	lot\$1516	no improvements	lot\$9267	Imp.\$5000
Lot 2(west)1007 D St.	lot\$2498	imp.\$1800	lot\$7994	imp.\$6000 (red entry)

It is possible that the building (1007-1009 D St.) was built in two parts, with 1009 D St. being constructed first, however it would continued to fit in the estimated time span of 1855-1860.

Significance (cont'd)

on Square 348, being six bays wide and four stories tall.

The Morrison Paper Company was located here from 1891 until 1978. The warehouse for the paper company was located in the upper floors of the building. It was one of two paper supply warehouses on the square, the other, the Southern Printers Supply Company, was located at 425 Eleventh Street.

Exterior Features of Note (cont'd)

for the current tenant.

Second, third and fourth story windows are segmentally arched. Voissours and keystones are flush with the facade surface. Windows are one-over-one double-hung sash.

The roofline has a narrow molded cornice and a flush surface perforated over each bay with a set of five reverse-drop bulb balustrades.

Between the second and third story windows is a sign for the "E. Morrison Paper Co.", the previous long-term tenant. In the cornice of the storefront is a raised letter sign, also for the Morrison Papaer Company.

Interior Features of Note (cont'd)

corner leads to the first floor. This floor is open with original shelving lining both the east and west walls. A service counter and shoe repair equipment is located in the center of the space. The elevator shaft is enclosed on this level. A wide staircase in the northwest corner leads to a second level room, apparently an addition. At this level, a set of steps leads to a large storage area. Floor to ceiling shelves fill the room, and a small rectangular office is located at the northwest corner of this space. The office door is of etched glass and wood. Third and fourth floors are open spaces with large storage shelves. The southeast corner of the fourth floor contains the mechanisms of the hand operated elevator.

Major Alterations and Additions (cont'd)

Only one permit exists for the extant structure. An 1882 permit was incorrectly recorded and is not available for viewing, but is presumably for a previous structure.

Permit #436, 8/5/08, calls for the removal of stucco on front wall and furring out to receive new stucco, new slag roof and balcony projection 3' x 5', together with galvanized and srought iron cornice etc; Architect B.S. Simmons, Contractor Frances Parsons. A drawing is attached to this permit in the National Archives.

Steel "I" beams were installed at the basement, and second through fourth floors, presumably done at approximately the same time as the incorporation of 1005 with the east half of 1007-1009 D Street.